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In the Patent Application of
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Serial No. 09/600,139

Group Art Unit: 2879

Filed: September 12, 2000

For: COLOR CATHODE TUBE AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
THE SAME

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RESPONSE ELECTING INVENTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In full and timely response to the Official Action of March 26, 2002 (Paper No. 08), for which a month was allotted for reply, the Applicant, through its attorneys and representatives, respectfully elects with traverse the invention of Group II, drawn to a product. The Applicant's election with traverse is to preserve its right to rejoinder of the process claims of Group I under MPEP 814.02 when claims of Group II are allowable. In the meantime, please hold the claims of Group I in abeyance, pending rejoinder or submission of these claims in a divisional application as of right.

The requirement is also traversed in that the Examiner has not shown that a "serious burden" would be involved in a search of all six claims, MPEP 803. Withdrawal of the restriction

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requirement is thus requested on this additional ground.

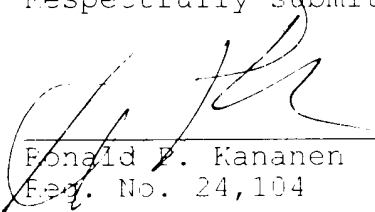
An early examination of the elected claims 4 to 6 is respectfully solicited.

Please note that an IDS was filed on April 4, 2002 submitting a document from a Supplementary European Search Report. Consideration of this additional document is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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